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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheets includes replacements sheets for Fig. 1 – 3 and new drawing Fig. 4.

Attachment: Four pages of Replacement Drawing Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 7 10-12 and 17. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 7-17 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-4 and 7-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter as the invention. The Applicant has amended the specification by adding a description of Figure 4 to the Detailed Description. Figure 4 has been added to provide a clearer picture of the alleged omitted elements. The first and second networks, TN1 and TN2 are illustrated in Figure 4 along with Further Network FN and the support for the new figure and Description can be found in the Summary, the description of Figure 1 and on page 2, lines 18-21, and page 4, lines 5-9. The Applicants have corrected the deficiencies in claims 1, 7 and 11 and thus, the respective dependent claims. The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4 and 7-17 are now allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 1-4 and 7-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anton et al (US Patent 7,185,360) in view of Inoue, et al. (US Patent 6,163,843). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

The Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 7 to more clearly claim the present invention. Support for the amendments may be found in various locations throughout the specification, in particular on page 2, lines 18-21, and page 4, lines 5-9.

The Anton reference is cited for disclosing: granting access to the second network and for an identifier being received from a first network. As the preamble of claim 1 states there is a user requesting access to an entity providing an application through a first and second network and the application is independent of both the first

and second network. The Applicant has reviewed the cited portion of Anton and respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation. As disclosed in the Anton reference there is only one network and network 129 is the network through which access to a particular target is made. This is in contrast to the two access networks requesting access to a target in a further network.

The Examiner cited the Inoue reference for disclosing "requesting by the second network from the first network an identifier that has been used by the first network to identify the user". In Inoue the user is apparently equated with a mobile device attempting to access a remote node from a foreign network. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of the cited passage of Inoue. As recited in Inoue, column 11, lines 1-40, the mobile computer makes a request for a public key in order to gain admission to a gateway in contrast with the Applicant's limitation of the second network making a request of the first network (both access networks) for an identifier to allow the user to access the application.

With respect to the Official notice at the bottom of page 5 and top of page 6, the Applicant respectfully notes that use of HTTP cookies requires that the cookies be associated with the user's browser. Also, the user's browser provides the cookie to the requesting entity (page 1 of the Wikipedia reference). This would compare to the User's browser in the Applicant's invention providing the identifier instead of the first network providing the identifier.

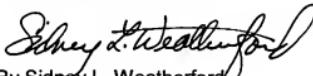
The Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner has failed to provide a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to the rejection of the un-amended claims as previously presented. The Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claim 1 and claims 7 and 11 as they are analogous claims with limitations similar to the limitations of claim 1. The respective dependent claims recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claims 1, 7 and 11. Therefore, the allowance of claims 1-4 and 7-17 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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